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A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed.

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Reference AM - European Patent 1 040 874 A2:

The relevance of this references is discussed in detail on page 4 of the application.

Reference AO - German Patent 2 050 652:

This reference is relevant for its disclosure of a light filter having structures.

Reference AP - PCT Application WO 96/04123:

This reference is relevant for disclosing a self-cleaning surface having regular elevations and depressions on its surface.

The remaining references are in English and, therefore, a statement is not supplied.

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing information and listed documents be considered by the Examiner, and formally be made of record in the present application, and that an initialized copy of said Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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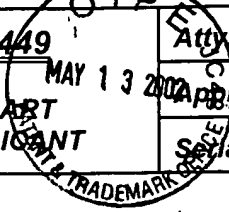
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